

## CLAIMS

What is claimed to be new and desired to be protected by Letters Patent is set forth in the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A system for applying a decorating image onto a trash receptacle, the trash receptacle having a wall with an exterior surface, comprising:
  - a) a decorative image being disposed on the exterior surface of the wall of the receptacle to permit the appearance of the trash receptacle to be enhanced; and,
  - b) wherein said decorative image is free form drawn on the trash receptacle.
2. The system of Claim 1, wherein said decorative image is traced on the trash receptacle.
3. The system of Claim 2, wherein said decorative image is stamped on the trash receptacle.
4. The system of Claim 3, wherein said decorative image is painted on the trash

receptacle.

5. The system of Claim 4, wherein said decorative image camouflages the trash receptacle.

6. A system for applying a decorative image onto a trash receptacle, the trash receptacle having a wall with an exterior surface, comprising:

a) a covering being disposed on the exterior surface of the wall of the receptacle to permit the appearance of the receptacle to be enhanced, said covering having front and back surfaces, said back surface being disposed contiguous to the wall of the receptacle;

b) an adhering substance being disposed on said back surface of said covering so that said covering is secured to the trash receptacle; and,

c) a decorative image being disposed on said front surface of said covering to permit the appearance of the trash receptacle to be enhanced.

7. The system of Claim 6, wherein said covering comprises vinyl.

8. The system of Claim 7, wherein said decorative image is painted on said covering.

9. The system of Claim 8, wherein said decorative image is printed on said

covering.

10. A system for applying a decorative image onto a trash receptacle, the trash receptacle having a wall with an exterior surface, comprising:

a) a protective sleeve being disposed around the exterior surface of the wall of the receptacle, said sleeve being shaped complementarily to the receptacle, said sleeve having top and bottom ends and having inner and outer walls being joined at the said bottom so as to form a U-shaped sleeve being open at said top and having a channel formed between said walls, said sleeve having at least one aperture therein, said aperture for receiving a handle of the trash receptacle;

b) a placard being removably disposed in said channel of said sleeve, said placard having front and back surfaces, said back surface being disposed contiguous to the wall of the receptacle, said placard having at least one aperture therein, said aperture for receiving a handle of the trash receptacle; and,

c) a decorative image being disposed on said front surface of said placard to permit the appearance of the trash receptacle to be enhanced.

11. The system of Claim 10, further comprising a top cap ring adapted to be disposed on said top of said sleeve so as to form a watertight seal to permit the placard to be protected.

12. The system of Claim 11, wherein said ring is U-shaped, wherein said ring is

downwardly disposed, wherein said ring is press-fit onto said sleeve.

13. The system of Claim 12, further comprising a gasket being disposed between said ring and said sleeve to form a watertight seal.

14. The system of Claim 13, wherein said sleeve is clear.